

MANY FIGHTS

Keep County Mass Convention Lively.

Voters Stampede When It Looks Like Trouble.

Hats and Heads Cracked In The Scuffle.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR J. C. CANTRILL.

Up in the courthouse last Saturday afternoon they had a convention. It was called that or rather a mass meeting of Democrats, and if there is any truth in the statement, oft made, that the harder Democrats fight in the convention, the bigger majority at the polls, then this county will go Democratic by about four thousand. It was a lively convention. For several days afterwards, when one met a man with his head bandaged, one would say to him:

"Well, I see you attended the convention Saturday."

Of course, he did not receive his wounds in that way, but there were several heads cracked and others were more or less bruised in the stampede which followed the numerous fights. One man, who has just come to Frankfort, said:

"Being a non-resident I did not apprehend any danger when the fight started, but evidently I did not know Frankfort fights, for the crowd was confident that there would be shooting, and they went out in a hurry, and I went with them. I did not want to go, for I was interested in the fight, but I went just the same."

They say one man, as he passed out of the windows was asked:

"How are they coming out in there?"

"I don't know," he replied, "but I know how I am coming out."

It happened this way. The convention was called to order by John Griffin. The circuit court room was packed to the doors with a howling crowd of men, nearly all of whom were for Campbell Cantrill, but some of whom were for W. P. Kimball. The Cantrill men were yelling at the tops of their lungs with unctious, for Cantrill. Mr. Griffin called for nominations for temporary chairman, and somebody nominated John Noel. Somebody else nominated another man and then a third person nominated Frank Johnson. Everybody was yelling and nobody could hear what anybody said, until the crowd quieted down long enough to hear South Trimble say he was there in the interests of Cantrill, and that Noel was satisfactory to Cantrill's friends. Then the yelling was resumed with redoubled energy. Mr. Johnson took the platform and began to speak. He declared that the nomination of Cantrill would make this district doubtful and would mean the loss of 2,500 votes. The crowd greeted this statement with derision and howled so that Mr. Johnson continued his speech "with difficulty," to put it mildly. Actually nobody could hear anything else he said. After ten minutes of this, the crowd, which had been good natured, began to get tired and two or three fights started in various parts of the house. They were settled quickly, however, and Mr. Johnson resumed his remarks. The crowd resumed its noise. Alex. Henry then mounted a table and apparently was about to make a speech. Bowman Gaines was already making one, but nobody heard him any more than they did Mr. Johnson. Mr. Henry did not say a thing, but simply stood on a table and pointed his finger at Mr. Johnson. Mr. Gaines continued his remarks. Mr. Griffin pounded for order. Mr. Johnson spoke. Somebody pulled Mr. Henry down and others mounted chairs and tables and spoke. The crowd howled with glee and nothing could be heard but the din of their yells. Mr. Henry then mounted the rostrum and was shoved aside. He mounted again and grabbed Mr. Johnson. The two rolled off the platform to the floor. Others jumped in and joined the fray. Mr. Johnson says he was struck several times in the back of the head. All was a tangled mass of fighting men, on the platform. How many were engaged is not definitely known. Other fights started in other parts of the room and inside the bar it looked like there were a dozen encounters.

Then the crowd decided it was dangerous to stay in the room and they left. It was a panic. They were out of that court room like it was the Iriquois Theater. If the building had

been tumbling down they could not have piled out quicker. They went out by the windows and doors and in a terrible hurry. Men were knocked down and trampled and mashed against chairs and doorways. One man had his glasses twisted into a shapeless, broken mass and his hat crushed. In the back of the house it was just as bad. The same desire for fresh air struck the crowd at the same moment and they piled out. A well known attorney at the local bar, who was standing on top of a bench was knocked between the benches and walked over, and a blind man, who was attending the festivities, would have been injured but for help, which was rendered to him just in time.

The crowd had been settled, the court room was cleared, the convention was resumed. An adjournment was taken to the State House yard, and there the friends and supporters of Mr. Cantrill were found to outnumber the supporters of Mr. Kimball about three to one, and the county was instructed for Mr. Cantrill.

The Kimball men declared, on Saturday, that the vote of Franklin county would be contested, maintaining that Frank Johnson was elected chairman of the mass convention in the courthouse and the resolutions instructing for Kimball were adopted. It was expected then that Kimball would carry Henry county, and this would have given Kimball a majority of votes in the temporary organization of the district convention. With this majority, the Kimball delegation from Franklin county could have been seated and Kimball would have won the nomination.

This was the plan which was carried out by the Kimball forces here, and they laid the grounds for a contest, expecting that they would have Henry county to back them up in the contest. When Campbell Cantrill carried Henry county, and had a majority in the convention, it is probable that the contest from his county was dropped. Frank Johnson, who was Kimball's leader here, had arranged to send a contesting delegation from this county.

Friends of Kimball had formed a plan to clear the court house and break up the convention held here last Saturday, but did not put into effect, because they feared the death or injury of one or more men, in the stampede which would have followed.

The plan was to have some man on the outside of the court room set off some firecrackers while a man on the inside, immediately afterward, threw giant torpedoes. It was expected that the crowd would stampede, thinking that the noise came from pistols shots. A fight would have been started, too, to make it more realistic. This plan was abandoned, when it was found that the court room was so crowded, for fear somebody would be seriously injured in the jam. Had it been carried out the grounds would have been laid for a contest from the county, but the stampede which followed a real fight, was just as effective, and the Kimball men named a contesting delegation.

The storm of Saturday, during which there was so many fights, has blown over and the Democrats are better united than ever, with no soreness resulting. The convention did not leave any bitterness behind and the ticket this fall will have the support of every Democrat in the county with prospects good for the largest majority which Franklin county has ever given in a presidential election.

Sent To Penitentiary

For \$5 He Did Not Take.

MONEY FOUND IN POCKET OF OLD TROUSERS AND MAN NOW IS PARDONED.

A \$5 bill, hidden for several months in the band of an old pair of trousers, caused Roy Williams to be sent to the penitentiary here, and also caused his release. Gov. Cox pardoned Williams, who was serving a sentence of two years upon conviction of the charge of robbery in Madison county. In a poker game one night Williams was a player. One of the players lost a \$5 bill and accused Williams of stealing it. He had Williams indicted and convicted. Williams began the service of his sentence, but protested all the time that he was innocent. Several weeks ago the man who lost the bill found it in the trousers which he wore the night of the poker game and which he had not had on since that game. These facts were presented to the acting Governor and he issued a pardon to Williams.

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RUSHING COX

Pardon Seekers Come On Run To Frankfort

TWO STORIES TOLD ON GOVERNOR—MISTAKEN OR PAINT DRUMMER.

Now Gov. Cox is in the chair and everybody is taking the easy except Gov. Cox, who is taking the hard. Pardon seekers. For some reason or other, always been the Lieutenant Governor who is relied upon to issue pardons. One reason for this is that the Lieutenant Governor, acting only once or twice a year, does not have the same number of cases to consider as does the Governor, who works all the year. The man who listens to some hundreds of pleas for pardons every year grows weary of the details, and while he may not get callous, certainly is not prone to be as merciful as a man who hears only a few tales of woe. Whether this is the reason or not, it is undoubtedly a fact that the Lieutenant Governor, when his hands full on those occasions when he is acting Governor, if things keep on as they have been, they are going to wear out Gov. Cox and put him in the class of the woe that he is beginning to be accustomed to them. They have been running down here from all over the State his last week hunting for pardons, and some of them have been getting them. But they don't "work" Gov. Cox. He is not issuing pardons unless he has pretty good reason to believe that the convicted man deserves to go free.

Over in the lobby of the hotel the other night a man walked up to Gov. Cox and said:

"Haven't I met you before?"

"Yes, I think I met you in Maysville," said Gov. Cox.

"Oh, yes, I remember now; you were selling wall paper and varnish, weren't you?"

"No, I was not selling that," replied the acting Governor.

"Well, what is your line?" asked the stranger, who was a traveling man.

"I met you in Maysville, you know," softly said Gov. Cox.

"Why, sure, I remember now. You were selling paints."

Speaking of Gov. Cox, a man from Maysville was telling a story about the acting Governor the other day, that shows how big a heart he has.

A man in Maysville who is trifling and who can work, but will not unless he is forced to do so, had done Gov. Cox several little favors at odd times and the Governor liked him.

The improvident one was arrested one day on the charge of vagrancy. He was put on the auction block, and about to be sold to the highest bidder to work for six months. Gov. Cox was in the crowd, which had gathered to see the sale, and his sympathy was awakened for the poor fellow about to be sold like a slave. He slipped up behind the vagrant and shoved a \$5 bill into the man's pocket.

The sheriff went about his work and called the alleged vagrant up before him, to have him show cause why he should not be sold. The man, ashamed and sullen, in despair pushed his hands into his frayed trousers, just by way of habit. A look of great surprise came over his face and then a grin of appreciation spread, beginning at one corner of his mouth. His hand closed convulsively in his pocket, and he said to the sheriff:

"I object to this sale for I am no vagrant. Here is \$5 which I have. No man who has money in his pocket is a vagrant."

The sale ended then and there, and everybody wondered where this man had secured \$5. But he was not sold as a vagrant and he is the devoted follower of Gov. Cox now, and would do anything on earth for the acting Governor.

Stanley Milward

Buys Fine Cow.

The twenty-two head of Tennessee Jersey cows, the property of Shipp-Rinker Company were sold at Versailles Monday noon by Auctioneer Ben Peak, of Georgetown. There was a fair crowd present and good prices prevailed. The highest price was \$75, for a five-year-old Jersey, bought by Stanley Milward, of Lexington. The others averaged \$44.50 per head.

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